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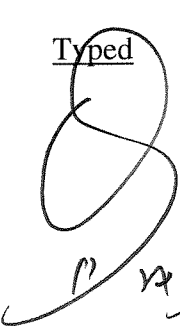
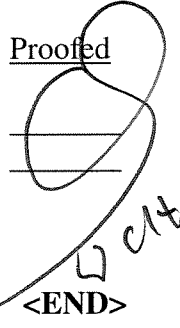
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it has been unable to offer the tax credit incentive because, while the project is creating jobs and making investment, the development zone location itself is not a profit center for the business. This proposal would make a retroactive change to reinstate the claiming language in effect between 1998 and 1999 (credits may be offset against any Wisconsin income tax due).

High

Plumbing and Fire Sprinkler Credential Terms. The Department recently changed the terms of Safety and Buildings credentials indicated by administrative rule (Comm 5, Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations) from two and three years to four years, and also increased the certification portion of the fees to reflect the increased terms. This change resulted in a reduced credentialing workload because credentials are renewed less frequently. The Department utilized the position savings associated with this item to compensate for reduced credentialing staffing due to 2001 WI Act 16 & 109 cuts in positions.

The Department now proposes to change the terms of credentials whose terms are indicated by statute from two to four years, and to change the certification fees associated with those credentials to reflect the increased terms. Specifically, plumbing and fire sprinkler credentials indicated in s. 145.08, Stats.

Revenue collected for credentials would remain the same. However, annual revenue would be less evenly distributed among fiscal years. Specifically, revenue would substantially increase for the first and second years, when renewal fees paid would be for the four-year terms instead of the two-year terms, and substantially decrease for the third and fourth years when few renewals would be processed. This revenue trend would gradually diminish as new credentials are received for the four-year terms.

Medium

IBRETA Technical Change. The transfer of the Bureau of Housing from the Department of Administration to the Department of Commerce should have made a technical change to require real estate brokers to pay IBRETA funds to Commerce.

In 1993, the Wisconsin Legislature passed a law requiring real estate brokers to establish interest-bearing real estate trust accounts for the deposit of all down payments, earnest money deposits and other trust funds received by the broker and related to the conveyance of real estate. On an annual basis, the interest from IBRETA accounts are remitted to the state and are used to supplement state and federal funds that support programs serving homeless persons. Between \$300,000 and \$450,000 is remitted annually. To date, the IBRETA funds have been directed to the Department of Administration, the agency that housed the programs serving homeless persons.

Medium

Modify the definition of target group as it applies to the Community, Enterprise and Agricultural Development Zones

**Department of Commerce**  
**2005-2007 Budget Initiatives**

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**Budget Initiative:** Change plumbing and fire sprinkler credential terms from two to four years, and increase maximum certification and registration fees.

**Division:** Safety and Buildings

**Summary:** The Department's 2005-2007 biennial budget request proposes to change the terms of plumbing, fire sprinkler, and utility contractor credentials whose terms are indicated by statute from two to four years, and to increase the maximum certification and registration fees of those credentials to reflect the increased terms.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None. Revenue collected for credentials would remain the same. However, annual revenue would be less evenly distributed among fiscal years. Specifically, revenue would substantially increase for the first and second years of the change, when renewals fees paid would be for the four year term instead of the two year terms. Revenue would substantially decrease for the third and fourth years when few renewals would be processed. This revenue trend would gradually diminish as new credentials are received for the four year terms.

**Estimated Position Impact:** None

**Background:** The Department recently changed the terms of Safety and Buildings credentials indicated by administrative rule (Comm 5, Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations) from two to four years, and also increased the certification and registration fees to reflect the increased terms. The Department now proposes to change the terms of plumbing, fire sprinkler, and utility contractor credentials whose terms are indicated by statute from two to four years.

The Department also recently increased the certification and registration fees of Safety and Buildings credentials indicated by administrative rule to reflect the increased terms. The statutes that indicate plumbing, fire sprinkler, and utility contractor credential terms indicate the maximum fee that can be charged for those credentials, and that the Department shall set, by rule, the fees charged. The fees charged are indicated in Comm 5 and are at the maximum level. The Department proposes that the maximum certification and registration fees indicated by statute be doubled to reflect the increased terms. Note that the late fees indicated by statute would remain unchanged, as would the temporary permit fees indicated by s. 145. (1) (e), Stats.

Statutory sections affected are:

s. 145.08 (1) (b), Stats.  
s. 145.08 (1) (d), Stats.  
s. 145.08 (1) (g), Stats.  
s. 145.08 (1) (i), Stats.  
s. 145.08 (1) (L), Stats.  
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s. 145.08 (1) (p)  
s. 145.08 (1) (q)  
s. 145.08 (2)

1. plumbing  
2. fire sprinkler  
3. utility contractor

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## Gibson-Glass, Mary

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**From:** Percy, Doug  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2004 3:04 PM  
**To:** Gibson-Glass, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Statutory Language

Attached is summary from Commerce on the plumbing credential draft.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bresser, Debra  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2004 1:21 PM  
**To:** Percy, Doug  
**Subject:** RE: Statutory Language

Doug,

Here is my info re: the plumbing item statutory changes. Louie suggested that if the LRB gets it from you/DOA, it would be treated as more of a priority, so hope you don't mind that I'm sending it through you. Let me know if you have questions.



Plumbing.doc

Thanks,  
Debra  
Commerce Budget Analyst

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Percy, Doug  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2004 7:48 AM  
**To:** Bresser, Debra  
**Subject:** RE: Statutory Language

I would just work with the LRB directly on the draft. You will need to call over there to find out which attorney is working on that draft.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bresser, Debra  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2004 5:09 PM  
**To:** Percy, Doug  
**Subject:** Statutory Language

Doug,

I just talked to Louie about you not getting anything from us re: the statutory language changes needed for the plumbing credential item. Turns out that while I was on vacation, Louie asked us to get statutory info to you - I got out of the loop on that.

Do you want me to put something together for you? S&B has not heard anything.

Thanks,

Debra, Budget & Policy Analyst  
WI Dept. of Commerce  
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COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ✓

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3   expiration; after that date an additional fee of \$20.

History: 1971 c. 255; 1975 c. 39, 199; 1977 c. 314; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 60 ss. 6, 11; 1981 c. 314; 1993 a. 16, 322; 1995 a. 417.

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1           145.08 (1) (L) For an automatic fire sprinkler contractor's license, \$1,000  
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3       is made prior to the date of expiration; after that date an additional fee of \$25.

History: 1971 c. 255; 1975 c. 39, 199; 1977 c. 314; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 60 ss. 6, 11; 1981 c. 314; 1993 a. 16, 322; 1995 a. 417.

4           **SECTION 7.** 145.08 (1) (Lm) of the statutes is amended to read:

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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